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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

It is believed that no fee or charge is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-3260.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the title of the application, please insert the following:

--Attorney's Reference Number: P114070--

On page 1, after the title CONTINUOUS DIGESTER please delete the following paragraph:

[Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/000,830 filed June 29, 1995, Provisional Patent Application No. 60/004,474 filed September 28, 1995, and U.S. Patent Application 08/672,458, June 28, 1996.]

On page 1, after the title CONTINUOUS DIGESTER please insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 09/882,789 filed 06/14/01; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 09/141,466 filed 08/27/1998; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 08/939,595 filed 9/29/1997; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 08/672,458 filed 06/28/1996 (now U.S. Patent Number 5,680,995); which is based on and claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/004,474 filed 09/28/95; which is based on and claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/000,830 filed 06/29/95. --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith to claim priority of an earlier-filed application. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicants' attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicants' attorney can be reached at the telephone number noted below.